



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

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## December 2009

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA08-009	1999-2002 MERCEDES BENZ ML 430/500/55 WITH V-8 ENGINE	BRAKE LINE CHAFE	28-APR-2008	16-DEC-2009
EA08-015	2005 HONDA ODYSSEY	UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF POWER LIFTGATE	08-AUG-2008	
EA08-018	2002-2003 FORD TAURUS AND MERCURY SABLE IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	28-AUG-2008	
EA08-026	MY2003-2006 SAAB 9-3 IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	22-DEC-2008	
EA09-001	2002-03 HONDA ACCORD MODELS WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	IGNITION PARK-SHIFT INTERLOCK	05-JAN-2009	
EA09-002	MODEL YEAR 2005 & 2006 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL MALFUNCTION	14-JAN-2009	
EA09-003	MODEL YEAR 1998 - 2005 VOLVO VNL AND VN TRUCKS	DRAG LINK FAILURE	15-JAN-2009	
EA09-004	2004-2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU, MALIBU MAXX	PARK/TURN/STOP/DRL LAMPS	20-MAR-2009	
EA09-005	2003-2005 INFINITI Q45 AND 2003-2004 INFINITI M45	SIDE AIR BAG NON-DEPLOYMENT	01-APR-2009	
EA09-006	MY 2003 TOYOTA SEQUOIA	ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL AND/OR TRAC	08-APR-2009	
EA09-008	2007-2008 PETERBILT AND KENWORTH TRUCKS WITH HORTON FAN HUBS	HORTON FAN FAILURES	29-MAY-2009	
EA09-009	MY 2005-2009 MACK CTP, CV, CNX,CXU,GU,LE,MR	AIR BRAKE SYSTEM	18-JUN-2009	
EA09-010	MY 2004 -2008 NEW FLYER TRANSIT VEHICLES	AIR BRAKE SYSTEM	18-JUN-2009	
EA09-	2002-2003 SUBARU IMPREZA WRX VEHICLES	FUEL LINE LEAK	02-JUL-2009	14-DEC-2009

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EA09-012	2007-08 KONA CLT LT215/85R16 TIRES	SIDEWALL BULGES OR SEPARATION	17-JUL-2009	
EA09-013	MY 2002 - 2005 FORD EXPLORER / MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	VEHICLE ROLLAWAY ALLEGATIONS	18-AUG-2009	
EA09-014	2007-2008 HONDA ODYSSEY	AIR IN BRAKE SYSTEM	19-OCT-2009	
EA09-016	2004 AND 2005 FORD FREESTAR AND MERCURY MONTEREY	TORQUE CONVERTER OUTPUT SHAFT FAILURE	10-NOV-2009	
EA09-017	MY2007-2008 KIA SORENTO VEHS TO 11/27/2007	AIR BAG OCS FAILURE	19-NOV-2009	
EA09-018	MY 1998 - 2002 ISUZU RODEO AND HONDA PASSPORT	REAR SUSPENSION LOWER LINK FAILURE	07-DEC-2009	
EA09-019	2002-2005 BMW 3 SERIES SEDANS (E46)	REAR LAMP ILLUMINATION	18-DEC-2009	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE09-030	MY 1998 - 2002 HONDA PASSPORT / ISUZU RODEO	REAR SUSPENSION LOWER LINK FAILURE	16-JUN-2009	08-DEC-2009
PE09-032	2007 SAAB 9-3 AERO EQUIPPED WITH 2.8L V6 TURBO ENGINE	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	15-JUL-2009	16-DEC-2009
PE09-036	2002-2005 BMW 3 SERIES (E46) SEDANS	REAR LAMP ILLUMINATION	07-AUG-2009	22-DEC-2009
PE09-039	2004 VOLVO XC90 VEHICLES	FUEL PUMP LEAK	31-AUG-2009	22-DEC-2009
PE09-041	2007-2009 DJG DESIGNER 22 (COSCO, EDDIE BAUER, SAFETY 1ST)	DOREL DESIGNER 22 INFANT SEATS	31-AUG-2009	
PE09-042	MCI MY 2005-2009 D SERIES COACHES W/C13 ENGINES & 50DN ALT.	ALTERNATOR CABLE CHAFING	01-SEP-2009	08-DEC-2009
PE09-043	2005-2007 MCI "D" SERIES MOTOR COACHES	STARTER CABLE CHAFING	09-SEP-2009	
PE09-044	2007-2008 CHEVROLET TAHOE/GMC YUKON	INTERIOR DOOR HANDLE LACERATION HAZARD	14-SEP-2009	
PE09-045	MODEL YEAR 2004 - 2006 MAZDA RX8 W/MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS	CLUTCH PEDAL BRACKET FAILURE	23-SEP-2009	
PE09-046	2005 FORD F-150	INADVERTENT AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT	24-SEP-2009	
PE09-047	2007-2010 THOMAS BUSES EF	THROTTLE GETS STUCK ON FLOOR PLATE	30-SEP-2009	
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048	2004 SAAB 9-3	SAAB 9-3 SEAT BELT RETRACTOR	30-SEP-2009	
PE09-049	MODEL YEARS 2000 AND 2001 TOYOTA TUNDRA	FRAME CORROSION	06-OCT-2009	
PE09-050	2009-2010 THOMAS BUILT C-2 SCHOOL BUSES	REAR SPRING TRAILING ARM BOLT LOOSE	07-OCT-2009	
PE09-051	BMW 2009 F650	MOTORCYCLE STALLING	05-NOV-2009	
PE09-052	2009 BMW K1300S & K1300 GT	MOTORCYCLE STALLING	06-NOV-2009	
PE09-053	INTERNATIONAL MODEL YEAR 2004 CE BUSES	STARTER WIRE ABRADES PARKING BRAKE CABLE	09-NOV-2009	
PE09-054	MY 2006 TOYOTA COROLLA AND MATRIX WITH 1ZZ-FE ENGINE	ENGINE STALLING - ECM FAILURE	30-NOV-2009	
PE09-055	1997-2008 E350/450 FORD CAB/CHASSIS	HVAC SWITCH FAILURES	07-DEC-2009	
PE09-056	2004 MITSUBISHI ENDEAVOR	GASOLINE LEAKS	30-DEC-2009	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT RECALL QUERY				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ09-002	MY2001-2004 FORD ESCAPE AND MAZDA TRIBUTE	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	15-APR-09	
RQ09-003	2005-2006 CHRYSLER MINIVANS	FRONT AIR BAG CRASH SENSOR FAILURE	01-JUL-09	
RQ09-004	CERTAIN MY 2001-2002 HONDA CIVIC, ACCORD, AND ACURA TL	RUPTURING DRIVER'S AIR BAG INFLATORS	02-NOV-09	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PETITIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP09-004	2004 FORD FREESTAR	ENGINE STALL	04-JUN-2009	
DP09-005	MODEL YEARS 1993-2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE	CRASH RELATED FUEL TANK FIRE/LEAK	06-NOV-2009	
DP09-006	2005 - 07 MODEL YEAR BLUE BIRD WANDERLODGE M450 MOTOR HOME	ALLEGED DEFICIENCIES IN 07V-586 RECALL	30-NOV-2009	

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

## RECALL QUERY (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

## DEFECT OR RECALL PETITION (DP OR RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

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